Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) 5 miles 3,083 ft.
(*b*) 7 miles 4,517 ft.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Rs. 6,51,299.
(*e*) 1,925.
(*f*) The work was abandoned.

Mr. G. Madhavan : May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to take the advice of the Advisory Board and take up the work as recommended by the Board ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Yes.

Mr. G. Madhavan : May I know whether this canal was not recommended by the Board ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: A recommendation was made by the Board, but the question has not yet been decided by Government.

Mr. G. Madhavan : May I know whether a sub-committee was appointed who came to the spot and submitted a report ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : There was a report and it was conflicting.

Mr. G. Madhavan : May I know the reasons on for abandoning the work ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Because an alternative road has been constructed.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether the conflicting report was placed before the joint body of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether the joint report was for the completion of the canal or not ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : We made a recommendation to Government to that effect.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know what happened to that recommendation ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : The final orders of the Government have not yet been passed on that.

Town Planning Scheme.

27. ✻ **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent in 1119 for Town Planning Schemes ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Rs. 1,18,176.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : സർ, ടൗൺപ്ലാനിങ്ങിന് ഫണ്ട് അനുവദിച്ച തുക എന്തായിരുന്നുവെന്ന് പറയാമോ ?

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Mr. I. C. Chacko : ഫ്ര ൈവ്യ ൊ ൊ ശ്രപ.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : ക്ടുതൽ ചെലവാക്കിയതു് എന്തി നാണു്?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : ക്ടുതൽ ചെലവാക്കിയതു് നൂറു രൂപയേ ഉള്ളു.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : Sir, I would like to know from the Government whether any scheme was prepared by any Municipality and sanctioned by the Government under the Town Planning Act with reference to any particular area ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : No, Sir.

Rate-payers' Association.

28. ✻ **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the existence of a so-called Rate-payers' Association at Kottayam has come into their cognizance ; and

(*b*) whether they will investigate the aims and objects of the Association ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) and (*b*) It is reported that a Rate-payers' Association is being formed with the avowed object of working for the improvement of municipal administration.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : ഇതിനെക്കുറിച്ചു് ക്ടുതൽ അന്വേ ഷണം നടത്താൻ ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : ഈ സംഘം ഒരു അനാശാ സ്യപരിപാടി സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിവില്ല.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : Sir, on a point of order.

President : Order, order. This is a purely municipal matter and it is not within the purview of the Government.

Christians in the State according to the last Census.

29. ✻ **Mr. K. C. Chandy :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Christians in the State as per the last census and the one previous to it, grouped under the various denominations ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The information asked for is available in the Census Reports of 1931 and 1941.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : Sir, May I have the reference in the Census Report ?

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